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APPROCED BY:IO:TRC:CARL GRIP L:EB:MR. GAITHER ----- 086799 R 121845Z JUL 73 FM SECSTATE WASHDC TO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 136422 FOLLOWING SENT ACTION PARIS INFO LONDON, MOSCOW, ROME, BERN, MONTREAL, OSLO, HELSINKI, THE HAGUE, STOCKHOLM, COPENHAGEN JULY 12, 1973 FROM SECSTATE WASHDC IS REPEATED TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION: QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 136422 E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: PINS, PFOR, OTRA SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ROME DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE/EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY REF: PARIS 18983 FOR PETROW FROM BROWER BEGIN FYI: 1. IN TWO LENGTHY SESSIONS WITH UK UNDER SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) GEORGE ROGERS IN CHARGE OF CIVIL AVIATION II DIVISION (ALL INTERNATIONAL POLICY FOR AIR TRANSPORT IN DTI), WHO MAY LEAD UK DEL TO ROME, WE HAVE REACHED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON JOINT UK/US DEMARCHE ON ROME MEETINGS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BASED ON US AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH

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UK WOULD SUPPORT DIPLOMATICALLY WORLD-WIDE. AIDE MEMOIRE WOULD INDICATE UK PREPARED SUPPORT INDEPENDENT CONVENTION AS IMMEDIATE MEASURE TO PROMOTE SAFETY OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION, AND APPROPRIATE AMENDMENTS TO CHICAGO CONVENTION AS LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO PROBLEM. EMPHASIS WOULD BE ON COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH.

3. SPECIFICALLY, AIDE MEMOIRE WOULD STATE US WOULD SUPPORT STRENGTHENED NORDIC PROPOSAL SUGGESTING STRENGTHENING

BY MANDATORY (UPON REQUEST) USE COMMISSION EXPERTS AND BY GIVING CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES BROAD LATITUDE IN TYPES RECOMMENDATIONS IT COULD ISSUE. WE NOTE THAT SUCH PROPOSAL WOULD LIKELY ENTER INTO FORCE IN REASONABLY SHORT PERIOD TIME. AS NEXT STEP BECAUSE IT WOULD TAKE LONGER TO ENTER INTO FORCE DUE TO NEED FOR AMENDMENT OF CHICAGO CONVENTION, US WOULD SUPPORT SWISS/UK MEASURES FOR SANCTIONS (DENIAL OF AIR SPACE) AND INCORPORATION INTO CHICAGO OF HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS BY REFERENCE AS PROPOSEDFRANCE/SWISS/UK. ADOPTION OF BOTH INDEPENDENT CONVENTIONAND AMENDMENTS TO CHICAGO WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED SIMULTANEOUSLY AT ROME.

END FYI.

- 4. AT ROGER'S SUGGESTION I HAVE SENT ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER KEITH HUFFMAN TO LONDON TO MEET WITH ROGERS AND OTHER UK OFFICIALS THURSDAY, JULY 12 AND FRIDAY, JULY 13. IT IS ANTICIPATED BY ROGERS THAT THEY WILL WORK OUT DRAFT LANGUAGE WHICH WILL TIE THE TWO AGREEMENTS TOGETHER AND THUS MAKE THEM COMPLIMENTARY.
- 5. HUFFMAN WILL TELEPHONE YOU FOR POSSIBLE TALKS WITH GOF ON MONDAY, JULY 16. I RECOGNIZE THIS GIVES YOU SHORT NOTICE TO SET UP MEETINGS, HOWEVER, AS HUFFMAN WILL BE IN LONDON I BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE HE ALSO TOUCH BASE WITH FRENCH. THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IF UK CONSULTATIONS SUCCESSFUL.
- 6. REFTEL RECEIVED AFTER ABOVE DRAFTED. APPRECIATE EMBASSY EFFORTS AND FULLY AGREE THAT TIMING MOST IMPORTANT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN THIS REGARD BELIEVE HUFFMAN'S PRESENCE IN LONDON MAKES IT MOST APPROPRIATE THAT HE PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO PARIS UPONCONCLUSION HIS TALKS IN LONDON. SUGGEST EMBASSY ATTEMPT MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HUFFMAN TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS ON MONDAY, JULY 16. BEGIN FYI: LEGAL OFFICER GAITHER WENT TO MONTREAL JUNE 22-23 TO MEET WITH UK AND FRENCH AT SONIC BOOM CONFERENCE. IN THREE-HOUR CONVERSATION WITH MUSEUX WE WERE UNABLE TO MAKE ANY

HEADWAY AT ALL AND BELIEVE MUSEUX IS NOT RPT NOT SUFFICIENT LEVEL TO CONDUCT TYPE OF TALKS WHICH NOW REQUIRED. AT END OF TALKS IN MONTREAL, MUSEUX INFORMED GAITHER THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND FRENCH POSITIONS WERE SUBSTANTIVE AND COULD NEVER BE ALIGNED. END FYI.

7. SUGGEST DECISION ON MEETING WITH MUSEUX BE DEFERRED PENDING RESULTS HUFFMAN TALKS IN PARIS. ROGERS UNQUOTE RUSH

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